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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Reply is responsive to a restriction requirement in an Office Action dated April 8, 2002, in the above-referenced patent application. The time for response was set to expire on May 8, 2002.

The Examiner has stated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-30, drawn for use in connection with a network capable of providing communications between a plurality of customers generating service request and a plurality of vendors capable of fulfilling said service requests, a system for monitoring and controlling work flows associated with said service requests between said plurality of customers and said plurality of vendors, classified in class 705, subclass 400
- II. Claims 31-55, drawn for use in connection with a network capable of providing communications between a plurality of customers generating service request and a plurality of vendors capable of fulfilling said service requests, a system for brokering and said service requests between said plurality of customers and said plurality of vendors, classified in class 705, subclass 8.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I to be examined. Group I comprises Claims 1-30. Applicants do not traverse the restriction requirement.